

United States District Court

Western District of Wisconsin

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE
 (for offenses committed on or after November 1, 1987)

V.

Case Number: 0758 3:23CR00005-001

Austin Koeckeritz

Defendant's Attorney: Nathan Otis

Defendant, Austin Koeckeritz, pleaded guilty to Counts 2 and 3 of the superseding indictment.

Counts 1 and 4 through 9 of the superseding indictment are dismissed on the motion of the United States.

Defendant has been advised of his right to appeal.

ACCORDINGLY, defendant is adjudicated guilty of the following offenses:

| Title & Section | Nature of Offense | Date Offense Concluded | Count Numbers |
|--|--|------------------------|---------------|
| 18 U.S.C. §§ 1591(a)(1) and (b)(1) | Sex Trafficking by Force, Fraud, or Coercion, Class A felony | August 5, 2022 | 2 |
| 18 U.S.C. §§ 1591(a)(1), (b)(2), and (c) | Sex Trafficking of a Minor, Class A felony | January 2022 | 3 |

Defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 7 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that defendant shall notify the United States Attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, defendant shall notify the Court and United States Attorney of any material change in defendant's economic circumstances.

Defendant's Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1994

April 11, 2024

Defendant's USM No.: 41160-510

Date of Imposition of Judgment

Defendant's Residence Address: Columbia County Jail
711 East Cook Street
Portage, Wisconsin 53901

/s/ James D. Peterson

Defendant's Mailing Address: Same as above

James D. Peterson
District Judge

April 15, 2024

Date Signed

IMPRISONMENT

As to Counts 2 and 3 of the superseding indictment, it is adjudged that defendant is committed to the custody of the Bureau of Prisons for a term of 240 months on each count, to run concurrently.

Defendant is in primary federal custody and has pending charges in St. Croix County, Wisconsin, Circuit Court Case No. 2022CM348. The federal sentence should run concurrently with any sentence that may be imposed imposed in Case No. 2022CM348, and I recommend to the state court that it run any sentence concurrently with the federal sentence.

I recommend that defendant receive:

- a mental health evaluation and treatment;
- sex offense programming;
- vocational and educational treatment; and
- prerelease placement in a residential reentry center with work release privileges.

I further recommend that defendant be designated to a facility near his family in Hudson, Wisconsin, so long as it is consistent with his programming and security needs.

The U.S. Probation Office is to notify local law enforcement agencies, and the state attorney general, of defendant's release to the community.

RETURN

I have executed this judgment as follows:

Defendant delivered on _____ to _____
at _____, with a certified copy of this judgment.

United States Marshal

By _____
Deputy Marshal

SUPERVISED RELEASE

The terms of imprisonment are to be followed by a life term of supervised release, per count and to run concurrently. Defendant is subject to the mandatory conditions. In light of the nature of the offense and defendant's personal history, I adopt condition numbers 1 through 25 as proposed and justified in the presentence report.

The statutory requirement for drug testing set forth at 18 U.S.C. § 3583(d) is not waived. Defendant is subject to one drug test within 15 days of placement on supervision and two periodic tests annually thereafter.

If, when defendant is released from confinement to begin his term of supervised release, either defendant or the supervising probation officer believes that any of the conditions imposed today are no longer appropriate, either one may petition the Court for review.

Defendant is to abide by the statutory mandatory conditions.

Statutory Mandatory Conditions

Defendant shall not commit another federal, state, or local crime. [Note: Any defendant that has been convicted of a felony offense, or is a prohibited person, shall not possess a firearm, ammunition, or destructive device pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 921 and 922.]

Defendant shall not illegally possess a controlled substance. Defendant is subject to drug testing according to 18 U.S.C. §§ 3563(a)(5) or 3583(d), unless waived by the Court.

Defendant shall cooperate with the collection of DNA by the U.S. Justice Department and/or the U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Office as required by Public Law 108-405.

If this judgment imposes a fine or a restitution obligation, it shall be a condition of supervised release that defendant pay any such fine or restitution that remains unpaid at the commencement of the term of supervised release in accordance with the Schedule of Payments set forth in the Financial Penalties sheet of this judgment.

Defendant shall comply with the standard and special conditions that have been adopted by this Court.

Standard Conditions of Supervision

- 1) Defendant shall not knowingly leave the judicial district in which defendant is being supervised without the permission of the Court or probation officer;
- 2) Defendant is to report to the probation office as directed by the Court or probation officer and shall submit a complete written report within the first five days of each month, answer inquiries by the probation officer, and follow the officer's instructions. The monthly report and the answer to inquiries shall be truthful in all respects unless a fully truthful statement would tend to incriminate defendant, in violation of defendant's constitutional rights, in which case defendant has the right to remain silent;
- 3) Defendant shall maintain lawful employment, seek lawful employment, or enroll and participate in a course of study or vocational training that will equip defendant for suitable employment, unless excused by the probation officer or the Court;
- 4) Defendant shall notify the probation officer within seventy-two hours of any change in residence, employer, or any change in job classification;

- 5) Defendant shall not purchase, possess, use, distribute, or administer any narcotic or other controlled substance, or any paraphernalia related to such substances, except as prescribed by a physician. Defendant shall not use any product containing cannabidiol (CBD) or tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), except as prescribed by a physician;
- 6) Defendant shall not visit places where defendant knows or has reason to believe controlled substances are illegally sold, used, distributed, or administered;
- 7) Defendant shall not meet, communicate, or spend time with any persons defendant knows to be engaged in criminal activity or planning to engage in criminal activity;
- 8) Defendant shall permit a probation officer to visit defendant at home, work, or at some other mutually convenient location designated by the probation officer at any reasonable time and shall permit confiscation of any contraband observed in plain view by the probation officer;
- 9) Defendant shall notify the probation officer within seventy-two hours of being arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer;
- 10) Defendant shall not enter into any agreement to act as an informer or a special agent of a law enforcement agency without the permission of the Court;
- 11) Defendant shall report to the probation office in the district to which defendant is released within 72 hours of release from the custody of the Bureau of Prisons, unless instructed by a U.S. probation officer to report within a different time frame; and
- 12) Defendant shall not possess a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or dangerous weapon.

Special Conditions of Release

- 13) Provide the supervising U.S. Probation Officer any and all requested financial information, including copies of state and federal tax returns.
- 14) Not meet or spend time with any person under the age of 18 or have verbal, written, telephonic or electronic communication with any such person, except with the express permission of the minor's parent or legal guardian and the supervising U.S. Probation Officer. This provision does not include persons under the age of 18, such as waiters, cashiers, ticket vendors, etc., with whom defendant must deal in order to obtain ordinary and usual commercial services.
- 15) Submit person, property, residence, papers, vehicle, computers [as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1030(e)(1), or other electronic communications, data storage device, or media], or office to a search conducted by a U.S. Probation Officer at a reasonable time and manner, whenever the probation officer has reasonable suspicion of contraband or of the violation of a condition of release relating to substance abuse or illegal activities; failure to submit to a search may be a ground for revocation; defendant shall warn any other residents that the premises defendant is occupying may be subject to searches pursuant to this condition.
- 16) Not enter any establishment involved in the sex industry, including stores, massage parlors, and strip clubs. Defendant shall not utilize any sex-related adult services. The supervising U.S. Probation Officer is authorized to monitor compliance in this area by obtaining telephone records, credit card bills and credit reports.
- 17) Comply with the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (34 U.S.C §20913, et seq.) as directed by the probation officer, the Bureau of Prisons, or any state sex offender registration agency in which defendant resides, works, is a student or was convicted of a qualifying offense.
- 18) As approved by the supervising U.S. Probation Officer, undergo psychosexual evaluations which may involve use of polygraph examinations. Defendant shall participate in an outpatient sex offender counseling program if recommended by the evaluator, which may involve the continued use of polygraph examinations. Defendant's answers to questions by the treatment provider, probation officer and polygraph examiner shall be truthful in all respects unless a fully truthful statement would tend to incriminate defendant, in violation of defendant's constitutional rights, in which case defendant has the right

to remain silent. Defendant shall follow all treatment requirements and restrictions. If defendant is eligible for funding from any source to cover the cost of treatment, defendant is to make reasonable efforts to obtain such funding. Participation in treatment does not require payment by defendant unless it is clear defendant can afford it. Defendant shall allow reciprocal release of information between the supervising U.S. Probation Officer and the treatment provider.

19) Participate in mental health referral, assessment, and treatment as approved by the supervising U.S. Probation Officer and comply with all rules, regulations, and recommendations of the mental health agency or its representative to the extent approved by the supervising U.S. Probation Officer. If defendant is eligible for funding from any source to cover the cost of treatment, defendant is to make reasonable efforts to obtain such funding. Participation in treatment does not require payment by defendant unless it is clear defendant can afford it.

20) Have no contact with the victims, Known Victim 1 and Minor Victim 1, in person, through written or electronic communication, or through a third party, unless authorized by the supervising U.S. Probation Officer. Defendant shall not enter the premises or loiter within 1,000 feet of the victim's residence or place of employment.

21) Defendant must allow the supervising U.S. Probation Officer to notify defendant's employers, friends, family, community organizations, romantic partners, and educational and volunteer agencies, where minors reside or regularly spend time, of the risks associated with defendant's criminal history involving a sex offense against a minor and sex trafficking.

22) Not possess any depictions of sexually explicit conduct of minors as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256(8).

23) Defendant shall provide the supervising U.S. Probation Officer advance notification of any devices associated with or falling within the general category of information technology (IT) that produce, manipulate, store, communicate or disseminate information used by defendant. This includes external and portable hard drives. The probation office is authorized to install applications to monitor any such devices owned or operated by defendant. Defendant is required to comply with the monitoring agreement and may not disable or circumvent any applications. Defendant shall consent to and cooperate with unannounced examinations of any technological equipment owned or used by defendant, including but not limited to retrieval and copying of all data from all information technology devices and any internal or external peripherals based on reasonable suspicion of contraband or illegal activity. The examinations may involve removal of such equipment for the purpose of conducting examination.

24) Not possess any visual or audio recording devices without the prior approval of the supervising U.S. Probation Officer.

25) Not work in any occupation, business or profession, or participate in any volunteer activity where defendant has access to children under the age of 18 without the prior approval of the supervising U.S. probation officer.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONDITIONS

I have read or have had read to me the conditions of supervision set forth in this judgment, and I fully understand them. I have been provided a copy of them. I understand that upon finding a violation of probation or supervised release, the Court may (1) revoke supervision, (2) extend the term of supervision, and/or (3) modify the conditions of supervision.

Defendant

Date

U.S. Probation Officer

Date

CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES

Defendant shall pay the following total financial penalties in accordance with the schedule of payments set forth below.

| <u>Count</u> | <u>Assessment</u> | <u>Fine</u> | <u>Restitution</u> |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| 2 | \$100.00 | \$0.00 | To be determined |
| 3 | \$100.00 | \$0.00 | To be determined |
| Total | \$200.00 | \$0.00 | To be determined |

It is adjudged that defendant is to pay a \$200 criminal assessment penalty to the Clerk of Court for the Western District of Wisconsin immediately following sentencing. Defendant is encouraged to pay the assessment as agreed upon in the plea agreement to ensure he is not precluded from participating in programming for non-payment while in the federal prison system.

Based on the offenses of conviction, defendant is required to pay a \$5,000 assessment, per count, under the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015, unless he is indigent. After reviewing the forfeiture of his assets, I find that defendant is indigent and this assessment is waived.

Defendant does not have the means to pay a fine under USSG §5E1.2(c) without impairing his ability to support himself upon release from custody, so I will impose no fine.

A final order of forfeiture is entered for the assets seized as reflected in ECF Docket No. 144 apart from one minor modification to Item No. 13. Specifically, Item No. 13, which is related to the real property in Richmond, Wisconsin, will be amended to reflect that the government received a \$32,500 check for the real property on the date of sentencing. The government is to file an amended order of forfeiture to reflect this modification.

RESTITUTION

Defendant is to pay mandatory restitution to the U.S. Clerk of Court for the Western District of Wisconsin; however, the parties are unable to agree on a restitution amount and the victims have not yet submitted requests for restitution. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(d)(5), a restitution hearing will be set within 90 days of sentencing.

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Payments shall be applied in the following order:

- (1) assessment;
- (2) restitution;
- (3) fine principal;
- (4) cost of prosecution;
- (5) interest;
- (6) penalties.

The total fine and other monetary penalties shall be due in full immediately unless otherwise stated elsewhere.

Unless the Court has expressly ordered otherwise in the special instructions above, if the judgment imposes a period of imprisonment, payment of monetary penalties shall be due during the period of imprisonment. All criminal monetary penalties, except those payments made through the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, are made to the Clerk of Court, unless otherwise directed by the Court, the supervising U.S. probation officer, or the United States Attorney.

Defendant shall receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed.

In the event of a civil settlement between victim and defendant, defendant must provide evidence of such payments or settlement to the Court, U.S. Probation Office, and U.S. Attorney's Office so that defendant's account can be credited.

